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From the East



Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit - whom virtue has united, death shall not separate.

Brethren, what a powerful year we had in 2010! WM Terry Royce served our Lodge well! It is with humility and honor I thank you again for electing me WM for 2012. I now have the responsibility of moving us forward united under God, growing us even closer as friends and brothers, united for the betterment of our families, communities and each other. It's imperative we continue the growth of our lodge by not spending time in the useless past, but moving those foundations forward, left by our magisterial Past Masters! Together we will do ritual with meaning, philosophy with education and not allow our differences to cloud our judgement. Our theme for 2012 is CLEAR - Chivalry, Love, Edification And Respect! For all, With all, To all! For the protection of the poor, women and children, To physically work and mentally allow those tools of acquired knowledge from the builders trade to continually chisel upon us, forging unbreakable, powerful and honorable men of distinction. What a mighty band of brothers we are! Strong in our walk, confident in our position, encouraging love, supporting and respecting one another. How magnificent it will be; let's continue upon our great legacy! Powerful we are when united as men and masons! Let's continue to build upon a CLEAR principle and be those pillars of our community we speak about and impress skeptical minds! We are who we say we are and be who we claim to be, together.....Men making good men better! Again, thank you brethren and congratulations to my line officers and the Lodge, Powerful we are, let's Hit It and Hit it hard!

Rev. Gerald F. Poe Jr., W.M.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT



ChIVALRY

The word, "chivalry", comes from the French word, "chevalerie", which means "skills to handle a horse". The ability to handle a horse, especially in combat, was of utmost importance to a medieval knight. As the Middle Ages progressed, the term "chivalry" began to take on new meanings. It was around the time of the preaching of the first crusade (1095 C.E.) that the Christianization of knights began in earnest. With the crusades as a "holy war" the pope needed the support of the nobles and knights of Europe to return the "land of Christ" to Christian sovereignty. By bestowing the title of Christian warriors to the knights, the pope had begun the evolution of a code of conduct that all knights were supposed to follow. The protection of the poor, women and children, and defense of the church were just some of the chivalric codes that a knight was supposed to always obey. It was the duty of a Knight to uphold the highest moral standard as well as ethical battle practices. To be able to maneuver his horse while engaged in full battle, with honor and tenacity, for his land, his family and die in defense of the church. Chivalry is NOT dead, but on the rise, within small pockets of honorable organizations and in militaries around the world. The Freemasons come as close as you can in this regard. Instead of tools of war, they use the tools of the ancient cathedral builders as emblems and symbols to remind the mason of his ethical and moral compass. They remind him to have only fair dealings, to work hard for honest bounty, care for family, defend his country and believe in God. Chivalry is needed in 2012 and the Freemasons have clarity and direction in this regard as this very practice is a part of its history and dogma of brotherly love, relief and truth.

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